

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace paragraph numbers 0002 and 0003 starting at page 1, line 10 with the following rewritten paragraphs:

Conventionally, a ferrule is in the form, for example, as shown in FIGS. 1(a)-1(d) ~~and 1(b)~~, and is usually formed of zirconia ceramics.

FIGS. 1(a) and 1(b) show FIG. 1(a) shows a single-core type ferrule 1. To take an actual product for instance, it has a columnar shape having a diameter of around 2 mm and a length of around 8 mm and also has in the center a perfectly circular hole 2 with a diameter of around 0.125 mm. FIGS. 1(c) and 1(d) show FIG. 1(b) shows a two-core type ferrule, and actual products are of like dimensions.

Please replace paragraph numbers 0015 and 0016 starting at page 4, last line with the following rewritten paragraphs:

FIG. 1(a) shows a ~~cross-sectional view~~ and a side view of a ferrule according to a prior art method;

FIG. 1(b) shows a cross-sectional view of the ferrule of  
FIG. 1(a);

FIG. 1(c) 1(b) shows a cross-sectional view and a side view of another ferrule according to a prior art method;

FIG. 1(d) shows a cross-sectional view of the ferrule of  
FIG. 1(c);

Please replace paragraph number 0022 starting at page 5,  
line 20 with the following rewritten paragraphs:

~~FIG. 7(a) shows a plan view and a side cross-sectional view~~  
of an electrocasting tank according to another embodiment of the  
present invention; ~~and~~

FIG. 7(b) shows a side cross-sectional view of the  
electrocasting tank of Fig. 7(a);

Please replace paragraph number 0023 starting at page 5,  
line 23 with the following rewritten paragraphs:

~~FIG. 8(a) is a plan view and a side cross-sectional view~~  
showing an electrocasting tank according to the present  
invention, showing an embodiment, in which electrocasting is  
carried out in the electrocasting tank under rotation thereof;  
and

FIG. 8(b) is a side cross-sectional view of the  
electrocasting tank of Fig. 8(a).

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS:

The attached three sheets of drawings include changes to Figs. 1, 7 and 8.

Specifically, in the sheet including Fig. 1, which replaces the original sheet including Fig. 1, the respective plan and cross-sectional views of Fig. 1(a) have been separated into Figs. 1(a) and 1(b), and the respective plan and cross-sectional views of original Fig. 1(b) have been separated into Figs. 1(c) and 1(d). Also, the full legends of Fig. 1(a) and Fig. 1(b) have been provided in the drawing.

Figs. 1(a)-1(d) have also been labeled as PRIOR ART, as required by the Examiner in the Notice of Allowability.

In the sheet including Fig. 7, which replaces the original sheet including Fig. 7, the different drawings have been labeled as Figs. 7(a) and 7(b), respectively.

In the sheet including Fig. 8, which replaces the original sheet including Fig. 8, the different drawings have been labeled as Figs. 8(a) and 8(b), respectively.

Attachment: Three Replacement Sheets

Three Annotated Sheets Showing Changes